

# St Bride's - Parish Bulletin

From the time when the Gospel was first proclaimed right up to our time, a very large number of men and women have given their personal response, their free and deliberate response, to the call of Christ. They have chosen the priesthood, the religious life, life in the Missions, as the reason for and the ideal of existence. They have served the People of God and humanity, with faith, intelligence, courage and love. Now it is time for you. It is up to you to respond. Are you afraid, perhaps?

Then let us reflect together, in the light of faith. Our life is a gift from God. We must do something good with it. There are many ways of living life well, using it for serving human and Christian ideals. My reason for speaking to you today about total dedication to God in the priesthood, in the religious life, in life as a missionary, is that Christ calls many from among you to this extraordinary adventure. He needs, and he wants to need, your personality, your intelligence, your energy, your faith, your love, your holiness. If it is to the priesthood that Christ is calling you, it is because he wishes to exercise his priesthood through your dedication and priestly mission. He wants to speak to the people of today through your voice. He wants to consecrate the Eucharist and forgive sins through you. He wants to live with your heart. He wants to help with your hands. He wants to save through your efforts. Think about it carefully.

**John Paul II - Day of Prayer for Vocations, 1979**  
*- to young people*



### **Entering the Catholic Church**

Anyone that you may know who would wish to become a Catholic, you are asked to let Fr Morton know at this time. The group which prepares the candidates will be meeting one evening each week until Easter.

### **Organ**

We are also exploring the idea of a new and more versatile parish organ. In these plans, the present organ would be dismantled and sold. The price of the sale would more than cover the cost of the new organ. No definite decision has been reached, but this has been a much discussed area among the cantors and organists over the years.

### **Service of Prayer**

Bishop Devine is organising an ecumenical service of prayer at Motherwell Cathedral for men and women who have fallen in battle during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. The numbers expected to attend the event are many and the Bishop has issued tickets for the event. If you wish to go, please contact Fr Morton for an application. The ecumenical service takes place at 7.30 pm on 29th October.

### **Pastoral Centre, Newmain**

The Diocesan Pastoral Centre is organising a number of events:

- **Parish Readers:** Talk on the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians –5th November (£2,50)
- **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** 10th & 17th November (£2.50)
- **Exploring and living Adult Faith:** 21st November 2009 & 8th May 2010 (£7)
- **Advent Meditations:** 25th November & 2nd December (£2.50)
- **Lenten Meditations:** 24th February & 3rd March 2010 (£2.50)

Contact: 01698 385397

**Recently died: Margaret O'Farrell; Fr F Darroch**

**Anniversaries:** James & Agnes Lennon; Thomas McCormick; Paul Burns; John O'Farrell; Margaret O'Donnell; Ellen McGurk; Mary McKendry;

## **Come Fly With Me**

The parish dance last Saturday evening was a great success. Thank you to everyone who organised it and all who supported it by coming along. Thank you also to all who sent prizes and donations. The amount raised was a magnificent sum of **£7000** which will go to SCIAF and ACN. *Anyone wishing a picture that was taken at the beginning of the evening, the cost is £7.*

## **Parish Ceili**

The parish Ceili will take place on 23rd October. Tickets will go on sale at the end of September. Contact: Margaret 583 1187

## **Catholic Truth Stall**

You will see new booklets in the Catholic Truth stall on

a range of topics: Cardinal Newman; St John Vianney; the Priesthood; Darwin; book of prayer for spouses; St Teresa etc.

## **Oklahoma**

Our Lady's FP's are putting on a performance of **Oklahoma** in Motherwell from 9th-14th November. It is hoped to organise a trip on 10th November, cost £13. Please put your names down (ticket & bus) at the back if interested.

## **Cub;**

We are still looking for new leaders who could help with a new cub pack in the parish. We need at least 4 or 5 volunteers.

## **Saturday Youth Club**

On Saturday mornings in the autumn we plan to have a small film club for young people. More news to follow.

## **St Bride's Youth Drama Group**

The Tuesday drama group for children in the parish has proved very successful. Over 40 children attend every Tuesday. The leaders say that the group is full but ask anyone who wishes to enlist their child to contact them at 641 2288.

## **Brother Patrick**

Thanks for the support given to the evening for Brother Patrick, news will be in next weekend's bulletin regarding funds raised.

## **Fatima**

Some parishioners will be going to Fatima between 14-18th September. Fr Sebastian will be leading the group.

## **Holy Land**

The parish is sending Fr Sebastian to the Holy Land at the beginning of November.

## **Pope Benedict XVI**

The Pope will be visiting the Czech Republic from 26th-28th September 2009.

## **Rotas**

Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Children's Liturgy Group rotas are available this weekend.

## **New Altar Servers**

Children (9 and above) who wish to serve on the altar are asked to see Fr Morton.

## **St Andrew's**

We will have a special dance to celebrate the feast of St Andrew - more news to follow.

## **St Bride's PS Football team**

School in need of coach to train boys. If you can volunteer contact Andy 07866717088.

## **ACN Meeting**

ACN meeting will be on Thursday at 8 pm. New members welcome.

## **Silver Circle Winner**

£20 Marion Curley Cathkin Avenue (211)

<b>25th Week OT</b>	
<b>Monday</b> <i>St Matthew</i>	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass</i> <i>Benediction &amp; Evening Prayer 7pm</i> <i>SVDP 7.30 pm</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Senior Citizens: 12 noon</i> <i>St Bride's Youth Drama 6.30 pm</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Padre Pio</i>	<i>Morning Prayer 9.45am</i> <i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i> <i>Legion 7 pm</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Mass: 10am</i> <i>Golden Group 1.30 pm</i> <i>Benediction and Confession 7-8pm</i> <i>AA 8 pm</i> <i>ACN 8 pm</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Toddlers 9.30 am</i> <i>Novena after Mass</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>Mass: 10 am</i> <i>Confessions after 10 am Mass</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Masses: 5.30 pm (Vigil)</i> <i>10 am &amp; 12 noon &amp; 6pm</i> <i>3.30 pm (Indian)</i>